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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Chelan County

In November 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Jesse Frederick Drach** (NC60102485) and placed conditions against his certification. He was convicted of driving while having a .08 percent or more, by weight, of alcohol in his blood. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

In November 2009 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Mindy L. Heinz** (CO60108523) and placed her certification on probation for two years. She was convicted of theft and must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

Clark County

In November 2009 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Phyllis L. Cimino** (RN00167649) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly withdrew savings of a recently deceased man using a forged power of attorney and was charged with theft, forgery, and two counts of money laundering.

Jefferson County

In November 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Ericka P. McElroy** (NC10067162) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly took a patient's credit card

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and used it to purchase about \$130 worth of goods and services without the patient's permission. She was also convicted of theft.

King County

In November 2009 the Nursing Commission placed the license of licensed practical nurse **Miriam V. Bernales** (LP00048674) on probation for five years. She failed to notify a patient's physician in a timely manner when the patient's condition deteriorated. She was also convicted of two counts of attempted theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In November 2009 the Board of Physical Therapy granted the application of physical therapist assistant **Lucyna Z. Kowalczyk** (P160031745) and placed her license on probation for one year. She was denied the right to take the written examination for a physical therapist license for a period of two years, and failed to disclose the denial on her application. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In November 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Patricia A. Murphy** (RC60041774) and placed conditions against her registration. She was convicted of unlawful solicitation to deliver a controlled substance – methamphetamine, forgery, identity theft, conspiracy to commit identity theft, seven counts of identity theft, and unlawful possession of a controlled substance. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In November 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Jennifer C. Querin-Rorie** (NA00188843) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly increased a patient's prescription dosage for oxycodone and oxycontin without authorization to do so, and she allegedly couldn't account for missing medications for the patient. She was charged with first degree identity theft and second degree identity theft.

In November 2009 the Nursing Commission entered into an agreed order with registered nurse **Kristi D. Richardson** (RN00089469). She allegedly withdrew medications for patients and failed to document administration or wastage of the medications. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In November 2009 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Chancey D. Shaw** (LP00060017) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly documented that he wasted about 60 tablets of Vicodin with an unknown nurse, and allegedly signed the unknown nurse's name.

Pierce County

In November 2009 the Nursing Commission placed the license of licensed practical nurse **Tiffany M. McCloud** (LP00057546) on probation for two years. She failed to comply with previous conditions on her license, and must now comply with new conditions on her license.

Skagit County

In November 2009 the Nursing Commission placed the license of registered nurse **Teresa M. Eilers** (RN00120953) on probation for three years. She didn't check on patients or notify their physicians of changes in patient conditions in a timely manner. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In October 2009 the Dental Commission denied the application of dental assistant **Jennifer R. Ridgeway** (D160102643). She entered into a deferred prosecution for driving under the influence in 2004, and was charged with driving under the influence in 2008.

Snohomish County

In November 2009 the Physical Therapy Program placed the license of physical therapist **Suzann Oakes** (PT00002013) on probation for one year. She failed to keep adequate and complete notes on patients. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Spokane County

In November 2009 the Examining Board of Psychology released **Kimberly M. Chupurdia** (PY00002094) from terms and conditions set against her license.

In November 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Eugene P. Roberts** (NA00194226) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly had sexual contact with a patient.

In November 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of **Donna May Rushton** (NA60060356) and placed conditions against her registration. She was convicted of vehicular assault. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In November 2009 the Medical Commission modified the agreed order against physician **Nathan P. Stime** (MD00010797). He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In October 2009 the Podiatric Medical Board released **Cathy L. Thosath** (PO00000410) from terms and conditions set against her license.

Thurston County

In November 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registration of **Mary E. Gracey** (NA00105128).

In November 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the reactivation application of certified nursing assistant **Jerome C. Martin** (NC10017603) and placed his certification on

probation for three years. He was convicted of malicious mischief – domestic violence. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

In November 2009 the Board of Physical Therapy released **Marte B. Scheuffele** (PT00005068) from terms and conditions set against his license.

Whatcom County

In November 2009 the Registered Counselor Program denied the application of **Delfred M. Jefferson, Jr.** (RC60040061). He was convicted of driving under the influence, burglary, assault on more than one occasion, and theft on more than one occasion.

In November 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **James R. Kelly** (NA00193892) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of assault.

Yakima County

In November 2009 the Registered Counselor Program charged **Justin Edward Steward** (RC60014313) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly had sexual contact with a patient who was a vulnerable adult.

Out of State

Oregon: In November 2009 the Massage Therapy Program granted the application of **Jeffery Lynn Moudy** (MA60112109) and placed his license on probation for three years. He was convicted of assault, driving under the influence, driving while license suspended, and possession of stolen property. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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